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1. On 25 June 1951, the Kraftfahrer Kaserne in Rathenow (N 53/E 15) was occupied by about 350 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 100 soldiers were observed at practice on a march and about 80 soldiers at physical training.

2. On 26 June, the Pionier Kaserne appeared to quarter about 200 soldiers. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets.

3. On 26 June, only a few soldiers were seen in the Infanterie Kaserne. However, the barracks building housing the hospital was occupied. No training was observed, and the gun sheds were empty.

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4. At about 9 a.m. on 27 June, many officers were seen walking from the town to the Zisthen Kaserne. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. No training activity was observed in the barracks installation.

5. On 28 June, the repair shop on Ebertring was operated by about 150 soldiers. Sixty trucks waiting for repairs were seen at the shop.

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6. On 2 July, the Kraftfahrer Kaserne was occupied by 90 to 100 officers and 550 soldiers, including 200 recruits. On 30 June, about 80 unarmed soldiers with light baggage, who were said to be discharges, arrived from Altengrabow on trucks. Twelve guns of 100-mm to 120-mm were parked in front of the gun sheds at the artillery quarters. Recruits were seen drilling with, and cleaning some of the guns.

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7. [redacted] the Pionier Kaserne quartered 500 troops, including recruits, on 1 July.

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8. [redacted] the Infanterie Kaserne was occupied by 35 officers and 340 soldiers, including 90 recruits, on 1 July. No heavy weapons were noticed, and no vehicular traffic was seen. Soldiers practiced with telephones and compasses at the drill field north of the Kraftfahrer Kaserne.

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Comment. [redacted]

[redacted] the present report indicates an increase in the number of troops in the Kraftfahrer Kaserne and the Pionier Kaserne, which is probably due to the arrival of new recruits during the intervening period. [redacted]

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